

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 are all the claims pending in the application. New claim 6 has been added. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,245,451) in view of Son et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,545,738), Johnson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,073,010), and Tanada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,671,015). Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 5 includes patentable subject matter.

Solely to advance prosecution of particular embodiments of the present invention, Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly recite the quarter plate and half plate features of the present invention, as well as the placement of the display panel and the compensation panel with respect the polarization beam splitter and the mirror. Applicants respectfully submit that these features in conjunction with the other claimed features are not disclosed or suggested by the references, alone or in combination.

Claim 6 is a combination of claims 4/5 (before amendment) and is allowable at least for the reasons provided by the Examiner for claim 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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